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AMENDMENT TO THE DESCRIPTION

Please replace the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention section on page 3 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph. This section was previously amended in March 2000 and in July 2003.

The present invention relates to disposable absorbent articles suitable for absorbing and retaining aqueous body fluids. The absorbent article comprises at least one removable absorbent core component, a first waist region, a second waist region, and a crotch region positioned between the first waist region and the second waist region. The absorbent article further comprises: (a) a backsheet joined to a fluid pervious topsheet, the backsheet comprising a web and being substantially liquid impervious except at at least one discontinuity in the web; and (b) an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet, the absorbent core comprising a non-removable ~~first~~ absorbent core component disposed in at least the crotch region and at least one removable ~~second~~ absorbent core component removably disposed in the first waist region and in fluid communication with the ~~first~~ non-removable absorbent core component; wherein the backsheet further comprises ~~first~~ access means for providing access to the removable ~~second~~ absorbent core component through the backsheet so that the removable ~~second~~ absorbent core component may be removed from the absorbent article through the backsheet without having to remove the absorbent article from a wearer, the ~~first~~ access means comprising ~~a first~~ the discontinuity and being positioned in the first waist region, a ~~first~~ recloseable flap secured over the ~~first~~ discontinuity, and a ~~first~~ fastener for recloseably joining the ~~first~~ flap to the backsheet.